



Dear Editor,

Every time we prepare for convoy operations, we have to scramble around looking for the flags and signs required. Inevitably, something has been misplaced and we have to beg or borrow what we need until it can be replaced.

We put a stop to that by putting together a kit that includes everything you need for convoy operations. Our canvas shop sewed together a bag that holds the signs in a large pocket, the flags and staffs in a medium pocket, and an info packet, some 550 cord and "hundred mile an hour" tape in a small pocket.

The info packet includes a parts inventory photo and list, a convoy brief, departure report, convoy commander's checklist, and a 9-line MEDEVAC and SALUTE report format.

Once complete, the kits go on our HHC commander's hand receipt and are signed out to the platoons that need them. That keeps the units accountable and makes sure everything's available the next time it's needed.

CPT Jeff Fair  
2/35th Inf  
Schofield Barracks, HI

## From the desk of the Editor

Excellent idea, Sir. For those who want to put together a kit, here's what you'll need:

Item	NSN
Black & white flag for Cdr vehicle	8345-00-543-6911
Blue flag for lead vehicle	8345-00-543-6912
Green flag for rear vehicle	8345-00-543-6913
Orange flag for trail party	8345-00-227-1404
Flag staff, 3-ft, 4 ea	8345-00-242-3650
550 cord, 700-yd	4020-00-240-2146
Tape, 2-in x 60-yd	7510-00-266-5016



The convoy signs aren't available by NSN. You'll have to make them following the instructions in Appendix P of FM 55-30, Army Motor Transport Units and Operations.

If you don't have a copy of the FM, view it on-line at the TRADOC Reimer Digital Library. Point your browser to:

<http://155.217.58.58/cgi-bin/atdl.dll/fm/55-30/toc.htm>